

21 May 1963

MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

SUBJECT: DO/R Staff Minutes of 17 May 1963

PRESENT: Dr. Scoville
Colonel Giller

Colonel Ledford

1. The DMRD's memorandum concerning the Eastman Kodak contract was discussed and several items identified to be checked out promptly following the meeting. The DMRD's memorandum stated that CIA would not be reimbursed from NRO funds for the [redacted] that had been committed under this contract. It was agreed that Dr. Scoville would attempt to resolve this problem later in the afternoon with Dr. McMillan, and that Colonel Ledford and [redacted] would immediately examine the status of certain aspects of this matter prior to the meeting. This was done, Dr. Scoville informed and the meeting held with the DMRD which resulted in the agreement that the CIA contract would be transferred to the Air Force.

2. Dr. Scoville announced that the Agency Research Board was having its first meeting this afternoon and suggested that anyone having items appropriate for the agenda of this Board to pass them along to him. It was suggested that perhaps a good first step would be a briefing by each member on his R&D activities, plans and problems.

3. Colonel Ledford recommended that there be some clarification and redefinition of policy concerning film processing and preliminary readout for reconnaissance overflights both as regards a central U. S. facility and theaters. It was agreed that this total matter needs some study and a decision. There are important considerations on both sides of the question and different circumstances applicable to the different theaters.

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plan nor even any plan being prepared to develop a capability in this area. He agreed with this and indicated he would have somebody start on it right away.

6. R&D on Photo Processing. I raised the question about the unsatisfactory nature of his recent memorandum on the photographic processing R&D. I particularly took offense at the statements that CIA had acted in contradiction to written authority. I pointed out to him the documents on which we had operated and the history of the entire problem and asked that he recall his memorandum and correct it. He agreed to do this and did not offer any counter arguments to the points I made. I also pointed out that in the directed actions it made no sense to cancel the existing CIA contract and then immediately start another CIA contract, but that the proper way to handle it would be continue the CIA contract and in accordance with the directive change the technical management of this contract to [Redacted]. I pointed out I disagreed with this decision on who should have technical responsibility but that, of course, this was his privilege as DNRO to make such a decision. I also pointed out that in contradiction with the statements in the memorandum CIA had, and was still procuring, film and supplies for the DOD. I expected to be reimbursed therefor. He indicated that this would be resolved and that CIA would be reimbursed for work already done as part of its R&D contract.

7. Agenda for the Purcell Panel. I briefly reviewed the Purcell Panel agenda with him and left him a copy. I pointed out the areas in which we were looking for briefings and assistance from Gen. [Redacted] people, and he agreed that these would be supplied.

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